# **Island Station Neighborhood District Association**



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# **Island Station NDA Meeting Minutes**

## June 20, 2018

We had 19 people attending, 14 neighbors and five guests:

Luke Strait Milwaukie Police Department
Sylvia Ciborowski JLA Public Involvement

• Alex Joyce Cascadia Partners

• Alma Flores City of Milwaukie Community Development

• Brian Harper Metro

#### 6:35 Call to order

#### 6:40 Welcome and Introductions: name and where you live

#### Call for additional agenda items

• No new topics were brought up

## 6:43 Approve Minutes from April & May Meetings

Motion to approve minutes for April and May meetings was made by Dave Tyler,
Seconded Ellen Chaimov. Motion to approve passed unanimously

### 6:44 Police report

- New K9 unit coordinator
- Opening for traffic officer, current moved to detectives
- Two new officers to be sworn in
- Good coverage for 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Speed Radar Van is a leased program that requires someone sitting in it 40 hours a week
- The police department used to use retired or about to retire police officers
- No viable applicants at this time, so the van is not being used.

#### 6:50 Treasurer's Report - Colin Hyzy

- \$15,352.22 in the bank, no outstanding checks or debits
- Commitments = \$2,335
  - Emergency preparedness storage container,
  - o ArtMOB's MAXimize Music Program
- A motion to commit \$2,000 to fund this summer's picnic fund was made by Pam Denham, and seconded Charles Bird.
  - The motion passed unanimously
- A motion to contribute \$125 to grange for use of hall for past 6 months was made by Joann Bird, and seconded Dave Tyler
  - The motion passed unanimously



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#### 6:56 Affordable Housing/Cottage Cluster Presentation & Discussion

Alma Flores Community Development Coordination for City of Milwaukie, Sylvia Ciborowski JLA Public Involvement, Alex Joyce from Cascadia Partners, Brian Harper with Metro

- Housing affordability study: doesn't actually mean affordable housing. General policy making activities involving full spectrum of housing.
- Focus is on mitigating gentrification and preventing displacement through various strategies
  - o The City's focus has turned to a feasibility study of Cottage Clusters
- "Missing Middle" market for housing is not a problem unique to Milwaukie: this is a major problem regionally and nationally

## **Cottage Clusters**

- A cottage cluster is a group of single homes that are arranged around a common court
  - o Example: The Commons in Bend, Sabin Green by Orange Splot
  - o Cottage form tends to fit character of surrounding neighborhoods better
- Three phases to the Project studying Cottage Clusters:
  - 1) Learn
  - 2) Design
  - 3) Implement
  - Currently in Phase 1 Learn
    - Develop engagement strategy
    - Establish Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Ellen Chaimov, ISNDA liaison to SAG
      - Will meet 4 times
      - SAG will define performance measures
  - o Phase 2) Design
    - Run Pro Forma analysis to see if project is financially feasible
    - Performing a code analysis to see if Milwaukie City Code allows for these affordable options, potential rewrite for best practices
  - o Phase 3) Implementation: build cottage clusters if approved
- Metro granted EPA money to Milwaukie for brownfield environmental study (~\$30-35k)
  - o Brownfield environmental study is to see if property was contaminated.
  - o Found some hotspots as expected but no major problems.
- Metro equitable housing grant: got grant from Metro to fund cottage cluster study (\$65K)

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#### Questions

• Charles Bird: 1) Have not established that this is what the community wants to happen at this site 2) What's the go/no go line or metrics for the project?

- o Answer: more about establishing the range of options
- o What is the standard of feasibility?
- Alicia Hamilton: 1) Are you just trying to figure out what is most feasible for each property or is it possible that it won't happen at all?
  - More about fine tuning the code
- Colin Hyzy: Clarify whether this project will give the final go ahead?
  - No, just analysis. Project is focused on the larger lessons that could be applied elsewhere
- Joanne Bird: We haven't been included in this process and I'm not happy.
  - Community engagement process
  - This is a typical property transaction
  - We are not in any development phase. This is the due diligence phase.
- Milo Denham: Is the focus still on homeless families with schoolchildren?
  - o No, this is no longer the focus of the use of the TriMet remnant property
- Ellen Chaimov: Who are the landowners? Will something definitely be built there?
  - Landowners: only currently identified site is TriMet site. Have put out calls, have ~6 interested parties. 2 in Ardenwald, 1 in Llewelling. Moving target
  - o This process is to study 3 different concepts for each lot and present findings
- Serafina: has this been purchased?
  - o Not finalized yet, doing due diligence

#### **Committee Reports**

- PSAC
  - o Bicyclists don't ring their bells enough on Trolley Trail and on Riverfront Trail (through Milwaukie Bay Park and through WES's Kellogg Creek Park)

#### **Events**

- South Downtown Plaza Open House June 26th
  - o Light rail plaza farmer's market by post office
- 9K for K9 walk
  - Walk to help fund K9 project

Motion to adjourn Pam Denham, Seconded Colin Hyzy, adjourned